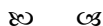


## Sentence Fluency



### Compound and Complex Sentences

- ☞ Combining multiple ideas and clauses into one sentence.
- ☞ Example of simple sentences:
  - Jane has long, blonde hair.
  - Jane is in my math class.
  - Jane excels at math.
- ☞ Combined into compound or complex sentences:
  - Jane, the girl with long, blonde hair, is in my math class, which she excels at.

### Characteristics of good sentence fluency

- ☞ Complete Sentences
- ☞ Compound and Complex sentences
- ☞ NO sentence fragments
- ☞ NO run-on sentences
- ☞ NO comma splices
- ☞ Sentences are varied
  - i.e. They don't all start the same way.

### Sentence Fragments

- ☞ Are missing either the subject or the verb.
- ☞ Do not express a complete, coherent thought.
- ☞ Example:
  - Because hungry sharks flashed on the surface of the waves.
  - To buy nice jewelry for his greedy girlfriend Gloria.
  - Spilling the hot spaghetti sauce all over his new suede shoes.

### Complete Sentences

- ☞ Begins with a capital letter.
- ☞ Ends with the correct form of punctuation.
  - A statement needs a period.
  - A question needs a question mark.
  - An exclamation needs an exclamation mark.
- ☞ Has a subject (noun) and a verb (action).
- ☞ Expresses a complete thought.
- ☞ Example:
  - The dog ate the hamburgers for the picnic.

### Examples from essays

- ☞ Plenty of stores like Gucci, Versace, Vallentino, Dolce & gabana and etc.
- ☞ Next, the running of the bulls.
- ☞ See how big it is would be cool.
- ☞ To also see where they made the movie and see all the places that were in the movie.

### Run-on sentences

- ✎ Two complete sentences that have “run” together.
- ✎ Like forgetting to put the end punctuation on one sentence before starting another.
- ✎ Example:
  - My dog is brown he likes when I pet him.

### Examples from essays

- ✎ There are so many beautiful tour sites, and natural beauty, while there I could visit the beach, clubs, and historical monuments.
- ✎ Bora Bora is just one beautiful place I want to go, there are many other places.
- ✎ Similar to snail but personal opinion I don't know if I would be able to eat that but they have other great food like macaroons, I've heard a lot of good things about this dessert.
- ✎ Relaxation is nice, I could relax in a waterfall or even a nice hot springs.

### Examples from essays

- ✎ Italy, Florida and Germany are all very stunning parts of this world I would adore being a part of them.
- ✎ If you want to travel go head, try these great places have a good time it'll be worth it trust me.
- ✎ The Vatican Museum would definitely make top five for site seeing on my list its full of art gives some cultural feel.
- ✎ Visiting Germany will make me open to a new culture and things I've never been a part of I would enjoy it.

### Score for Sentence Fluency

First of all, the first place I would like to visit Hawaii because it is so different from the United States. I would like to visit Hawaii because of the beautiful beaches that they have there I would like to visit the beaches because the currents there are really strong and they are so different from the ones in the United States. Another reason I would like to visit the beaches is because there are probably a bunch of exotic animals that live there such as dolphins and starfish. Another reason I would like to of major history there, like the depth of the water fall it is thirty feet deep. Another reason why I want to see it is because it sounds very interesting and I've always wanted to see one. The finally reason why I want to go to Hawaii is because of all the activity's they have there like snorkeling and scuba diving I want to do those things because it sounds really fun and I've always wanted to do it. And so Hawaii is a beautiful place that I would like to visit one day but, there are other places I would like to visit too.

### Comma Splices

- ✎ Run on sentences with commas where the period should go.
- ✎ Example:
  - My dog is brown, he likes when I pet him.

### Score for Sentence Fluency

With Barcelona, Spain's breathtaking scenery, this is the first place I'd like to visit. My first stop would be the Mediterranean Sea. With its beautiful waters and gigantic coastline that goes on for miles, this sea is one of the biggest reason I want to go to Barcelona. It also has many large islands, which is paradise to anyone who goes to experience it. Next, I would be taking a look around the Church of Saint Felip Neri. The history is gravitating, and the culture captivates whoever learns about it. In the walls of the church, there are still bullet holes from shots fired during the civil war in 1936. Another huge attraction would be Collserola Ridge. This long high ridge behind Barcelona gives you a spectacular view of the city. The Collserola Ridge has a lush environment and a sunny side that would make any person happy. Barcelona is an amazing historical place, with captivating scenery.

**Practice!**

One day I went for a walk. My mom came with me. The weather was warm. It wasn't too warm. There was a nice breeze blowing. It kept us cool. We saw lots of things. We saw Mr. Greene's beautiful rose bushes. We waved to our neighbor Mrs. Hill. She makes the best cookies. We met Alan. He was taking his dog for a walk. His dog's name is Butter. We stopped to pet Butter. We went by a park. Mom said we could stay a little bit to play. I went down the slide. Mom pushed me on the swings. I love to go as high as I can. Mom even teeter-tottered with me on the see-saw. It was time to go home. It was a great afternoon.